The Double Cross Won a Title for McCoy, Made Jeffries Easy Prey for Johnson, and Brought Dixon a Knockout

RYAN VICTIM OF A FAMOUS DOUBLE CROSS

viddleweight Champion Was Tricked Into His Waterloo by McCoy.

ROSEBUD" CAUGHT DIXON UNPREPARED

By THE VETERAN.

The double cross, a form of trickery eat has been introduced in nearly all canches of sport, attained its most luxuor grow- in the pugilistic nothouses. is not cultivated now to any great stent owing to the safeguards thrown sout the sport by commission rule and general tendency to curb the tricka general tendency to curb the trickgers who still infest the game. But in
the early days of boxing the double
cross flourished and it was a rare thing
for a month to pass without an attempt
to greente the maneuvre.

A double cross in a boxing match is
endence of duplicity on the part of both
pracipals and usually all the officials.
2 gross from the desire of one of the
centestants to win a battle through the
clusion of his optionent, which was

colusion of his opponent, which was followed by a disregard of the promise in "lose" and the final upset of the boxer who was willing to win a bloodless

In many instances the boxer who ensented to felgn to be knocked out has been bound by a heavy cash forfeit to go through with his part of the programme and in several instances this cash has been forfeited and the double cross put through successfully.

Beyond doubt the most spectacular double cross in the history of pugilism was that engineered by the astute Kid McCoy at the expense of Tommy Ryan, then the middleweight champion.

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The motive for the cross was Mccers hatred of Ryan for the manner in
which the champion had treated the
t while the latter was a lowly sparerg partner for the title holder. Acbreing to the story, Ryan took delight
beating McCov hrutally in training beating McCoy brutally in training parters, the Kid at that time being

gracters, the Kid at that time being practically a novice.

But the humble sparring partner beson to improve in boxing and strength, he beatings he got from Ryan not being without educational value. When McCoy finally felt sufficient confidence himself he sent a modest challenge is the champion. The reply was somewast scorrful and to the effect that a best with McCoy would not draw files. Then McCoy changed his tactics and implored the champion to give him a best in order that he might make a little money, which he needed sorely.

The money, which he needed sorely. You won't have to train a lies, for a know you can beat me with one hand behind your back. So why not give a chance to get a little coin when it at cost you anything at all?"

pendered the matter a while and

ring with the Kid. hustled around and induced

im Kennedy, then the manager of impire A. C. at Maspeth, to offer a good purse, and the match was set larch 2, 1896.

bout was clinched the Kid settled own to hard work and was soon in the sest possible condition. While he was perfecting his own physical condition, McCoy found time to said a succession of notes to the cham-

o, all in this vein: "Friend Tommy—Please don't show me up too bad. You know, of course, what you can do to me, as you used to

hampion never did any training other

the game sont them away

tother double cross that was only and then at the height of his career, ing vanquished Dempsey and turned

would be indulged in. Fits at that time was engaged to be married to Rose Julian, the acrobat, and he was depend-

BOXERS WHO FIGURED IN BOUTS IN WHICH TRICKERY PLAYED BIG ROLE.



point of Old Freekles's jaw and sent him Dixon passed away some years ago, falo lightweight told Gans to get a repu-

A good sized crowd turned out to see battle, and when Ryan stepped into a ting it was seen that he was fat and atting it was seen that he was fat and atting it was seen that he was fat and atting it was seen that he was fat and atting it was seen that he was fat and atting it was seen that he was fat and atting it was seen that he was fat and atting it was seen that he was fat and the bout went into the records as a draw, although Fitz had his man out when the deaths. Johnson realized the details, Johnson realized to the decided to record young hopefuls went to cross you."

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Dixon Was the Victim.

ish, kept jabbing the rather prominent the of the champion, and at the same tree avoided the victous langes of Ryan. The thampion realized in a few rounds that he had been tricked, but he grimly set his jaws and prepared to fight it set on his merits.

However, Motor, who had clodes to the champion at every point of the game and Rocked him out cold in the eight and Rocked him out cold in the eight champion.

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The most uncalled for double cross, and one in which the schemer got little except well deserved censure, was that a which Walter Edgerton, the Kentucky Rosebud, sent George Dixon, then the fact merits the second round of a bout scheduled for three that was stared in Philadelphia has provided him out cold in the eight and the bound of the Philadelphia was for the benefit of the Philadelphia bread fund and was billed as an exhibition.

But Edgerton was in prime condition, and conceiving the idea that he would win the title if he put Dixon to sleep he watched his chance.

The first round went off according to schedule, with both men sparring bril-

Down Went Dixon.

The second round had not gone far when Edgerton, who had been looking for an opening, got it and swung a deadly right on the jaw of Little Chocolate. Dixon went down like a struck ox and never stirred, the force of the blow and the effect of the champion's social observances during the day making an overwheiming combination.

Dixon was dragged to his corner and after hard work was revived. It was several minutes before he was able to stand, and then he and Edgerton went at it aguin and finished the third and last round in a perfunctory manner.

history of the game, managed to get to his feet and avoid the storm of blows showered on him by the eager Choynski.

There is all trained down fugget they will carry me away in the ambulance.

Thave a little pity, Tommy, on a fellow that is trying hard to make a live with the feet properties.

Ryan Did No Training.

After Ryan had received half a dozen of the was convinced at McCoy spoke the truth, and the responded to the bell for the history of boxing was the listed by Jack Johnson on James of the feet and avoid the storm of blows showered on him by the eager Choynski. Jeffries. The former champion, who had showered on him by the eager Choynski. Jeffries. The former champion, who had and who was athletically a wreck, was work and that there would be a good induced by the clamer of friends to enter the ring and try and take the championship away from the black fellow. Jefries was not at all deceived as to me fourth.

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Ing ram fury and soon had Joseph ducted the negotiations with the negro is groupy and on the floor. After three mot known, but the big black fell in knockdowns the police interfered and with the plan and gave his ready con-

> would carry out this end of the bargain the negro was compelled to put up \$1,000 cash in the hands of a friend of Jeff. With these details arranged Jeff went

Twelfth Round for the Plop.

It had been agreed between the negro on the faw in the twelfth round and flop, and so confident was Jefffies that it would go through that he advised some of his friends to bet that he would was for the benefit of the Philadelphis win by a knockout in the twelfth round between thing his foe he tantalized him this likes of this sort.

The wast I was your sparring partner, and was the worst drubbing that should be a sparring to the bout was an exhibition one, but it was your sparring partner, any fiven core for the worst drubbing that should be a sparring contest without any rough the Many efforts were hade to rea living chance against the big black, and Jeff really collapsed. Even when he entered the ring be

work.

With this understanding Dixon made

Them, but there seemed to be a
mation on the part of Ryan to
for anything but light sparring. In fact
the champion was in jovial mood and
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the champion was comedy bout of it,
with his knockout in the lifteenth round,
with his knockout in the lifteenth was evidence that the former champion never had a look in.

After the sad affair was ended and

Jeff's bruises had healed he got a friend ming. to invent the story of poison in his tca-been w not. The only thing that alled Jeff on the bot

land Frank Erne with. Gans had lost a decision to Erne at the Broadway A. C. in 1900, the Old Master quitting in the twelfth round on the plea that the blood from a cut over his eye bilinded him. The real reason was that the clique behind Gans had their money on Erne to win and Gans was under orders to stop at the Sant Match.

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delphia, and was in a hotel in the act of registering his name when a friend whispered in his ear: "The coon is out

MOLONEY MADE AN AMATEUR'S MISTAKE

Selection of Heavy Hitter as Champion's Downfall

Johnny Moloney of Boston, who had won the 125 pound amateur champion-ship of the world, and who was rated as one of the cleverest boxers in the game. The impression that it is a Patti farewell. Apparently stotch has reached one of the eleverest boxers in the game, amateur or professional, jumped to the conclusion that if he continues in the conclusion that it was time for him to enter the professional ranks and weed out a few dozen aspiring thumpers. He selected as his initial victim a heavy puncher named K. O. Joe O'Donnell of Gloucester, N. J., and the combat was staged at the Olympia in Philadelphia. For two rounds Moloney boxed with brilliant skill, and it looked as though O'Donnell were due for an artistic trimning. However, O'Donnell, who had been watching for a chance to land on with their money believing I am expands to back me with their money believing I am expands to back me with their money believing I am expands of the conclusion that if he continues in the continues in the conclusion that if he continues in the conti went the story of poison in his teater the only thing that alled Jeff on the body, got his opening near the close letter than I was ten years ago. I am of the third and sent his man to canvas not better. I may not be as good. At uble cross.

Choynski to purchase wedding gifts, &c.

Apparently Choynski, having in minutes before he was able to store at the same the fame that would be his if he toppled the fame that would be his if he toppled the fame the mighty Fitssimmons, decided to store at the mighty fits was finally drawn a release. At the same the heat of the suit, so that if the store the store the store and the might be the heat of the store the mighty fits was finally drawn a release. At the same the heat opportunities to win my chain the desire the might desired to store at the first opportunity. The cut the store at the first opportunity. The cut to store at the first

of weight is settled.

McAnliffe's Fest.

just starting his professional career, having defeated several young hope

Questions and Answers

By TOM MAC NULTY

Dear Tom—A bets that in some forms of power four of a kind is better than a straight flush. Is this correct?

EMIL WILLIAMS.

In stud power and in its parent game, straight power, the straight flush has no value. In draw and whiskey power it bents four of a kind.

Dear Tom—(1) How old is Jake Daubert and how long has he been playing for Brooklyn? (2) is Jim Thorpe still playing buseball? Where? H. M. F. (1) Daubert was born on May 14, 1885, and started with Brooklyn in 1910. (2) Thorpe is with Milwaukee in American Association.

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Dear Torn—Where can I locate Hank Crowley, the big catcher from St. Ann's Prep of Ir he is playing with any league team.

(1) Any of the St. Ann's Prep boys should be able to tell you where he now is located. (2) He is not in the big leagues.

Dear Torn—On Saturday, June 24, 1016, the Yankees played the Senators at the Polo Grounds two games. Will you kindly inform me as to who won these sames, how many runs, hits and the respective pitchers?

JAMES J. RUSSELL.

Yankees won both games. Caldwell started against Boehling. Gailla finishing first game for Washington, the score of which was 2 to 1. New York made seven hits, as against four for the Senators. Yankees won second by a 4 to 3 count. Ayres pitching full game for Washington, while Mogridge. Keating and Shawkey twirled for the Yankees in order named. In second contest each team made seven hits.

Dear Torn—What is the average time of a rate horse for three heats. If he makes this time: First heat, 205 second heat, 2044; third heat, 2071; 27 D. & La.

Dear Torn—What teams has Konetchy played for in the National Longue?

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St. Louis, Pitteburg and Boston.

Dear Tom—The following bet is to be decided on the rules of pincente as they existed in July, as they may have been changed since. A bets that if the king and queen of trumps is used in the marriage change in the laws of pincente since the game was invented, so it does not matter whether July, 1776, or July, 1916, is referred to. Neither party wins the bet because both are wrong. The royal marriage can be used as part of the sequence for the simple reason that without the mar from third base counts.

Briton's Honors.

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Dear Tom—With two men out and a man on third base batter hits ball for home run, but fails be touch first base only was occupied. In case you refer to first base only and engine as they are the first base only as occupied. In case you refer to first base only and engine as they are the single play. Read the rules.

Dear Tom—With two men out and second, or first, base only and engine on the first base only and on

Dear Tom-In the last Boston-Chicago American series Boston won two games in one day the second game was protested on the grounds that game was started too late. Has any decision been given as yet? JIM AND EDDIE

Protest was not sustained. Game

ing featherweight from his path, now has his basilisk eye on Frederick Welsh, owner "in perpetuity" of the lightweight championship.

Dear Tom—1) Kindly let me know the reason why Joe Judge, the New York boy. Was not playing that base regularly for washington. (2) What is Joe Welling's championship.

is the only man who can outpoint and public what salary you receive? probably knock Welsh out."

Dear Tom-(1) How do you pronounce Mr. B. Kocher's name? I mean the gian Catcher. (2) Was Augle Ratner and Irish Patsy Kilne ever under the management of Nat Osk? Is Irish Patsy Kilne Irish? INTERESTED. dezen promoters who would be eager to stage a Weish-Klibabe match, but it will be useless to talk terms till the question (1) "Conch-er." (2) Don't know.

Thirty-two years ago yesterday Jack (2) Yes. McAuliffe, the former lightweight champ, defeated three men in a single session at New York. Jack was then Wambegat

Dear Tem Did Mike Gibbons over ingle Hob Moha? If so, what was the re-Yes, at Hudson, Wis., on December 4.

Bill Whitney and George Kime in less than one round each. Having been victorious in several of the lightweight than one a few rate of the lightweight to the lightwei

Since then Lang fought Jack Burns in 1919, P. O. Curren, Sam Langford, Jack Lester (twice), Bill Squires and Sam McVey in 1911, Jim Barry in 1912, P. O. Curran (twice) and Dave Smith in 1913 and Arthur Pelkey and Fred Starbeck in 1914, Moir fought Bombardier Wells and Porky Plynn in 1911, Humble Wilson in 1912 and Bombardier Wells in 1913.

Dear Tom-How many times was Packy M. Parland defeated? J. FLANNIGAN. McFarland never was defeated. Dear Tom-(1) Can you let me know

Dear Tom—Playing call see suches, A call is not in play. Dear A source for a lone team scores one in its his A save alone hand or not? B bets not, as he was afraid to play it slone, as shown by his calling for a partner, HENRY AND JIM.

It is not the actual ace that is called for but the best of the

Dear Tom-Please let me know how long Jake Dauber: has been playing first base with the Brooklyn Nationals. Daubert started for the Superbas in

Dear Tom Kindly inform me which game of a double header is considered the scheduled game in case one of those games is a postponed game. HARRY FLAX. First game.

Dear Tom-Is Zack Wheat of the Brook-

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St. Louis, Pittsburg and Boxton.

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Dear Tom—When a ball player gets a base on balls can be get a runner for him on first? A bets he will be put out of game. B says as long as he makes first base he can stay in game.

HERMAN GEORGE SCHUMANN.

(2) Yes.

Deer Tom—What is the nationality of Wambeganes, Turner and Speaker of Cleve, and and Wheat and Coembs of Brock()n?

J. RYAN.

All Americans.

Cliphons over No.

Apply to manager of teams during morning practice at the ball parks. Manager Robinson and Lieutenant Jack Coombs look over youngsters daily at Eibbets Field when team is at home. Coombs places many youngsters in the minors.

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Dear Tom-Kindly insert in your valuable spering column the salary of Matty, ow managing the Reds. FRED C.

Why don't you ask himself, yourself,

Deer Tom—A bets B that Charley White of Chicago, lightweight, fought Ted Kid Lewis of England in New York. B hets he didn't. Who wins?

A is right. White and Lewis met in St. Nicholas Rink, Sixty-sixth street, Manhattan, July 21, 1915.

Dear Torn-Of what nationality is C. Mathewson? If born in the United States what nationality were his parents? U.S. R. and I. Matty and both parents were born in the United States. He is of English extraction.

(1) He is credited with a sacrifice fly and absolved from a time at bat, (2)

Dear Tom—A bets H that Boston beats
Brooklyn in two games. Money is posted.
Half hour later H phones stakeholder declaring bet off. Stakeholder tries to locate
A, but to no avail. On Monday morning
A claims money, but B objects. Can B
cancel bet without A's consent?

CHARLES MOUN.

Not under ordinary conditions. Up to
stakeholder to decide.

Dear Tom—(1) A is on first, B at bat.
B hits fly to outfield on which A advances
to second. Is H's hit a sacrifice fly?
(2) What is a sacrifice fly?
(1) No. (2) A sacrifice fly is a fly
to the outfield which scores a man from

Lajoic started with Philadelphia Na-tionals in 1886; Wagner with Louisville Nationals in 1897.

Dear Tom—Batter up hite ball to third baseman, whose throw to first escapes first baseman. How many bases can the batter take? Must be stop at first or can be continue to home if the ball is not retrieved in time? As many bases as he can get unless special ground rules provide for the contrary.

Dear Tom—How many times had Preddle weigh fought Benny Leonard previous to their meeting in Washington Park?

Only once before.

Dear Tom—There are two out and two strikes on the batter. He bunts fairly and renches first safely. Is the batter safe or out?

C. J. KELLY.

Dear Tom - Where should I send to for a permit for large seams to play on Prospect Park paralle grounds, Brooklynt MANAGER T. P. CLARK. Dear Tom-Was there ever an undefeated retired bantamweight by the name of Jimmy Barry? NIELE FLYNN.

Very much so and a great little fighter.

O'Brien, Parade Grounds, Brooklyn.

HARRY SORSCHER.

They never told me, Arry, and I never asked term. Do you mind informing the public what salary you receive?

Dear Tom—Would like to knew if Wille's dictional in the tast is touches at the tast is and that is tast is a touches at the tast is and the term of the term of the tast is and the term of the tast is and the term of the tast is and the term.

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Dear Tem—(1) Does not Ty Cobb bat left handed and throw right handed? [2] How long has McInnis of the Athlettes here a regular with that club? [2] Do not card face up and C has queens up. When a bets, C less his hand down with leer a regular with that club? [2] Do not card face up and raises. Hefore calling, A opera up C's card and then bets. C lear, who failed in his tryout with the Athlettes last year? WAITING.

(1) Yes [2] Wes with the card and then bets. C are up to card and then bets. them has nothing to do with it. The

> hands speak for themselves, The bet is not decided until the put is

than one round each. Having been victorious in several of the lightweight tournaments. M Audiffe challeight of the championship, and claimed the lightweight thampion of the Workship to the W Dear Tom. Where can I receive a repeat form of pinociale, and what you can do in two hand you can do in these or four man 17. 6 feet tail 180 pounds in weight liave played the outfield with some of the liave played the liave for liave with the four liave and the liave for liave lia

No obligation to head the trick if he

Dear Ton. Playing pine-his, two hand. A says you must follow suit to trumps all the lime. We understand you do not have a follow suit until the cards are all graws.